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TREATY WITH THE CHEYENNE TRIBE, 1825.

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Supremacy of United States acknowledged.	
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Places for trade to be designated by the President.	
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FOR the Purpose of perpetuating the friendship which has heretofore existed, as also to remove all future cause of discussion or dissension, as it respects trade and friendship between the United States and their citizens, and the Chayenne tribe of Indians, the President of the United States of America, by Brigadier-General Henry Atkinson, of the United States' army, and Major Benjamin O'Fallon, Indian agent, with full powers and authority, specially appointed and commissioned for that purpose of the one part, and the undersigned Chiefs, Headmen and Warriors, of the Chayenne tribe of Indians, on behalf of said tribe, of the other part, have made and entered into the following Articles and Conditions; which, when ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall be binding on both parties—to wit:

ARTICLE 1.

It is admitted by the Chayenne tribe of Indians, that they reside within the territorial limits of the United States, acknowledge their supremacy, and claim their protection,—The said tribe also admit the right of the United States to regulate all trade and intercourse with them.

ARTICLE 2.

The United States agree to receive the Chayenne tribe of Indians into their friendship, and under their protection, and to extend to them, from time to time, such benefits and acts of kindness as may be convenient, and seem just and proper to the President of the United States.

ARTICLE 3.

All trade and intercourse with the Chayenne tribe shall be transacted at such place or places as may be designated and pointed out by the President of the United States, through his agents; and none but American citizens, duly authorized by the United States, shall be admitted to trade or hold intercourse with said tribe of Indians.

ARTICLE 4.

That the Chayenne tribe may be accommodated with such articles of merchandise, &c. as their necessities may demand, the United States agree to admit and license traders to hold intercourse with said tribe, under mild and equitable regulations: in consideration of which, the Chayenne tribe bind themselves to extend protection to the persons and the property of the traders, and the persons legally employed under them, whilst they remain within the limits of their particular district of country. And the said Chayenne tribe further agree, that if any foreigner or other person, not legally authorized by the United States, shall come into their district of country, for the purposes of trade or other views, they will apprehend such person or persons, and deliver him or them to some United States' superintendent or agent of Indian Affairs, or to the commandant of the nearest military post, to be dealt with according to law. And they further agree to give safe conduct to all persons who may be legally authorized by the United States to pass through their country, and to protect in their persons and property all agents or other persons sent by the United States to reside temporarily among them; nor will they, whilst on their distant excursions, molest or interrupt any American citizen or citizens, who may be passing, from the United States to New Mexico, or returning from thence to the United States.

ARTICLE 5.

That the friendship which is now established between the United States and the Chayenne tribe, should not be interrupted by the misconduct of individuals, it is hereby agreed, that for injuries done by individuals, no private revenge or retaliation shall take place, but instead thereof, complaints shall be made, by the party injured, to the superintendent or agent of Indian affairs, or other person appointed by the President; and it shall be the duty of the said chiefs, upon complaint being made as aforesaid, to deliver up the person or persons against whom the complaint is made, to the end that he or they may be punished, agreeably to the laws of the United States. And, in like manner, if any robbery, violence, or murder, shall be committed on any Indian or Indians belonging to said tribe, the person or persons

so offending shall be tried, and, if found guilty, shall be punished in like manner as if the injury had been done to a white man. And it is agreed, that the Chiefs of said Chayenne tribe shall, to

the utmost of their power, exert themselves to recover horses or other property, which may be stolen or taken from any citizen or citizens of the United States, by any individual or individuals of said tribe; and the property so recovered shall be forthwith delivered to the agents or other person authorized to receive it, that it may be restored to the proper owner. And the United States hereby guaranty to any Indian or Indians of said tribe, a full indemnification for any horses or other property which may be stolen from them by any of their citizens: *Provided*, That the property so stolen cannot be recovered, and that sufficient proof is produced that it was actually stolen by a citizen of the United States. And the said Chayenne tribe engage, on the requisition or demand of the President of the United States, or of the agents, to deliver up any white man resident among them.

ARTICLE 6.

And the Chiefs and Warriors, as aforesaid, promise and engage that their tribe will never, by sale, exchange, or as presents, supply any nation or tribe of Indians, not in amity with the United States, with guns, ammunition, or other implements of war.

Done at the mouth of the Teton River, this sixth day of July, A. D. 1825, and of the independence of the United States the fiftieth.

In testimony whereof, the said commissioners, Henry Atkinson and Benjamin O'Fallon, and the chiefs, head men, and warriors, of the Chayenne tribe, have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals.

H. Atkinson, brigadier general, U. S. Army, [L. S.]

Benj. O'Fallon, United States Agent Indian Affairs, [L. S.]

Chiefs:

Sho-e-mow-e-to-chaw-ca-we-wah-ca-to-we, or the wolf with the high back, his x mark, [L. S.]

We-che-gal-la, or the Little Moon, his x mark, [L. S.]

Ta-ton-ca-pa, or the Buffalo Head, his x mark, [L. S.]

J-a-pu, or the one who walks against the others, his x mark, [L. S.]

Warriors:

Ta-ke-che-sca, or the White Deer, his x mark, [L. S.]

Chah-pac-pah-ha, or the one that raises the War Club, his x mark, [L. S.]

Ta-ton-ca-hoo-oh-ca-la-eh-pa-ha, or the pile of Buffalo bones, his x mark, [L. S.]

Ma-te-wash-e-na, or the Little White Bear, his x mark, [L. S.]

Shong-ge-mon-e-to, or the Wolf, his x mark, [L. S.]

Shong-ge-mon-e-to-e-ah-ca, or the running Wolf, his x mark, [L. S.]

Nah-pa-ton-ca, or the Big Hand, his x mark, [L. S.]

Oh-kee-che-ta, or the Soldier, his x mark, [L. S.]

Tah-hi-o-ta, or the Lousy Man, his x mark, [L. S.]

In presence of—

G. H. Kennerly, U. S. special Indian agent,

John Gale, surgeon, U. S. Army,

D. Ketchum, major, U. S. Army,

B. Riley, captain, Sixth Infantry,

*John Gantt, captain Sixth Infantry,
C. Pentland, captain, Sixth Infantry,
R. B. Mason, captain, First Infantry,
R. M. Coleman, U. S. Army,
G. C. Spencer, captain, First Infantry,
R. Holmes, lieutenant, Sixth Infantry,
M. W. Batman, lieutenant, Sixth Infantry,
Levi Nute, lieutenant, U. S. Army,
Wm. S. Harney, lieutenant, First Infantry,
Jas. W. Kingsbury, lieutenant, First Regiment Infantry,
Wm. Armstrong, captain, Sixth Regiment Infantry,
S. W. Kearny, brevet major, First Infantry,
H. Leavenworth, brevet colonel, Sixth Infantry,
J. V. Swearengen, lieutenant, First Infantry,
R. M. Coleman, U. S. Army,
C. Harris, lieutenant, First Infantry,
Wm. Day, lieutenant, U. S. Army,
S. Wragg, adjutant, First Regiment Infantry,
Thos. P. Gwynn, lieutenant, First Infantry.*

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